

Pallbearers

United Methodist Men

Floral Bearers

United Women of Faith

Acknowledgement

Ida Devlin Wideman and family acknowledge with sincere appreciation your many acts of love, kindness, and concern shown to us, during these difficult moments. Whatever you did to comfort us is sincerely appreciated. May the same God, who is comforting us now, bless and keep you always in His care.

~The Family

**Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**

1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner & Director-

**Leevy's**

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Chris Leevy Johnson  
-President & Managing Director-

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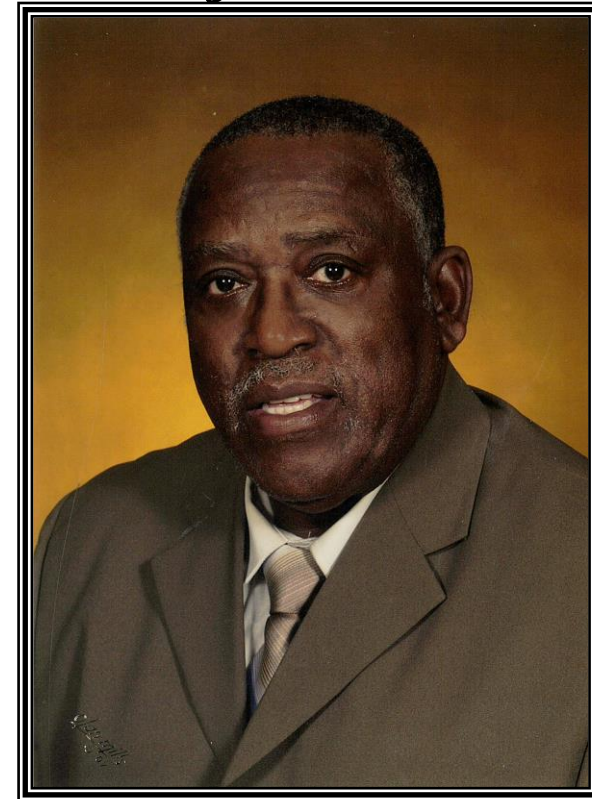
9120 Garners Ferry Road  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-

*Final Command Services*

*for*

*Mr. Leroy Wideman, Sr.*



*Monday, September 26, 2022*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Francis Burns United Methodist Church*

*5616 Farrow Road*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Geneva Stafford*

*-Pastor-*

*Reverend Ernest Etheredge*

*United Methodist Church Elder (Retired)*

# THE LIFE'S SERVICE RECORD OF

*LEROY WIDEMAN, SR.*

Mr. Leroy Wideman, Sr., loving husband, devoted father, and grandfather, and a selfless worker in the church and community, was born May 12, 1945, in Bradley, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Johnnie and Clymittee Perrin Wideman. He completed his final duty in victory on September 19, 2022.

Mr. Wideman was educated in the public school system of Greenwood County, and was a proud graduate of Brewer High School, Class of 1962. He later earned an Associates degree in welding at Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC. He was a Mason in the Prince Hall More Light Lodge #468. He was also a Shriner. He served in the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He performed meritorious service during two tours of duty in Viet Nam as a member of the famed 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division located at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. For his heroic military service and sacrifice, Mr. Wideman was awarded the Purple Heart.

Early in his life, Mr. Wideman affirmed his faith by joining the Old Field Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bradley, South Carolina. After relocating to Columbia, South Carolina, he joined the Francis Burns United Methodist Church, where he served faithfully, and was named *Trustee Emeritus*, as he continued his lifelong service of helping others. He also loved gardening, particularly growing fresh vegetables, as he participated in various outdoor activities.

He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Willie Perrin and Johnnie Chiles.

Mr. Leroy Wideman, Sr. is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Ida Devlin Wideman. This union produced two loving sons, Michael Andre (Dr. Vanessa Kelly), and Leroy Maurice Wideman (Wanda Robinson) of Columbia, SC; five grandchildren, Auburn Chanel, Keenan Michael, Devlin Andre, Kelly Myron, and Kelby Christopher Wideman, all of Columbia, SC; one brother, Lafette D. Chile (Sheila); three nieces, three great-nephews, and one great-niece; four brothers-in-law; seven sisters-in-law; other loving family members, his church family, and so many caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Leroy's legendary dependability is known and appreciated by all who loved and knew him. If Leroy said he was going to do something, not only did he do it well, but he did it fifteen minutes early.

Husband, father, grandfather, family member, friend, and soldier of God--Rest in Peace.....

# THE TRANSITIONAL SERVICE OF VICTORY

PRELUDE.....Ms. Willyette Barnett  
Musician

PROCESSIONAL

FINAL VIEWING

OPENING HYMN..... *Blessed Assurance*.....Ms. Willyette Barnett

PRAYER.....Reverend Mack C. McClam  
United Methodist Minister (Retired)

SCRIPTURE.....Reverend Edward H. McDowell  
United Methodist Elder (Retired)

Old Testament—Isaiah 40: 28-31  
New Testament—I Corinthians 15:51-58

SONG OF HOPE.....*Order My Steps*..... Ms. Willyette Barnett

REFLECTIONS: (Three minutes, each)  
Trustees of Francis Burns United Methodist..... Ms. Carolyn Lucas  
Francis Burns United Methodist Church.....Mr. Harold Murray  
Family (Brother-in-Law)..... Dr. George A. Devlin

SONG OF REUNION.....*On My Way Home, Fix It Jesus*..... Ms. Wallyette Barnett

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Reverend Geneva Stafford

RECESSIONAL

SONG OF VICTORY.....*When We All Get to Heaven*..... Francis Burns Ensemble

## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 p.m.  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina